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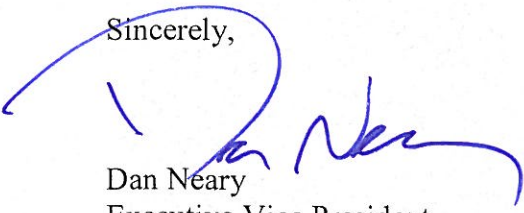
Dear Brenda

We are writing in favor of the City of Kirkland to be a *Google Fiber for Communities* trial location for ultra-high speed Internet service. As a part of the Kirkland community our university – both students and employees – would benefit greatly from this service.

Northwest University offers undergraduate and graduate degree programs (through the doctoral level), and exemplifies the traits of Kirkland as educated, high-tech, innovative, and collaborative. We strive to be at the forefront of technology by offering to our students, faculty, and staff the full use of the Internet for education and research, business, and social networking purposes. This includes the facilitation of distance learning and collaboration between off-site students and those on campus.

Google's ultra-high speed broadband network would provide increased opportunities for our students and employees, both those living on campus, and in the surrounding Kirkland community.

Sincerely,



Dan Neary
Executive Vice President